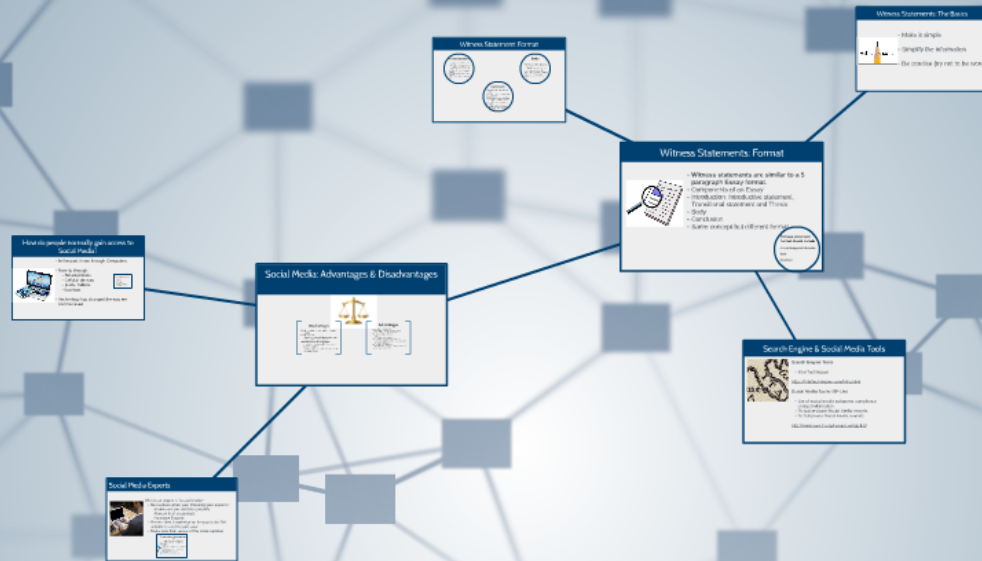


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Social Media Experts



Who is an expert in “Social Media?”

- Be cautious when your choosing your experts?
 - Make sure you vet them properly
 - Review their credentials
 - Interview Experts-
- Review their knowledge on the particular SM website related to your case
- Make sure their aware of the latest updates

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How do people normally gain access to Social Media?

- In the past it was through Computers.
- Now its through:
 - Smart phones
 - Cellular devices
 - Ipads, Tablets
 - Lap tops
- Technology has changed the way we communicate



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Social Media: Advantages & Disadvantages



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 - Catfish
- Cell Phone stolen
 - Everything is on a Cell phone now a days
 - Data could be compromised
- Warrant to search clients cell phone
 - Law Enforcement would find reason to justify the search
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- Some post Identifying Information
 - Selfies
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Search Engine & Social Media Tools



Search Engine Tools

- Intel Techniques

<https://inteltechniques.com/links.html>

Social Media Tools: ISP List

- List of social media subpoena compliance contact information.
- To Authenticate Social Media records
- To Subpoena Social Media records

<http://www.search.org/resources/isp-list/>

Witness Statements: The Basics



Get to the point.

- Make it simple
- Simplify the information
- Be concise (try not to be wordy)

Witness Statements: Format



- **Witness statements are similar to a 5 paragraph Essay format.**
- Components of an Essay
- Introduction: Introductory statement, Transitional statement and Thesis
- Body
- Conclusion
- Same concept but different format

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- It should include background information on the relevant parties.
- How they got to the starting point of the incident.
 - Ex: Two strangers having an argument on twitter, they agree to meet up, met up then fought.
- The argument over the internet = background information
- Relationship between the two = background information
- How long they knew each other = background information

Body

- It should be the introduction to the incident
 - * **Must Include**—the date, time and location of the incident.
- Then include the details of what happened in chronological order.
- Names all parties involved

Conclusion

- The date and time the incident ended.
- The detail of their encounter with law enforcement
- Did they give a statement? Were their rights read? What exactly was said? Who was around to hear it?
- How did they leave the scene?
 - Did you get a ride, drive off, get arrested?

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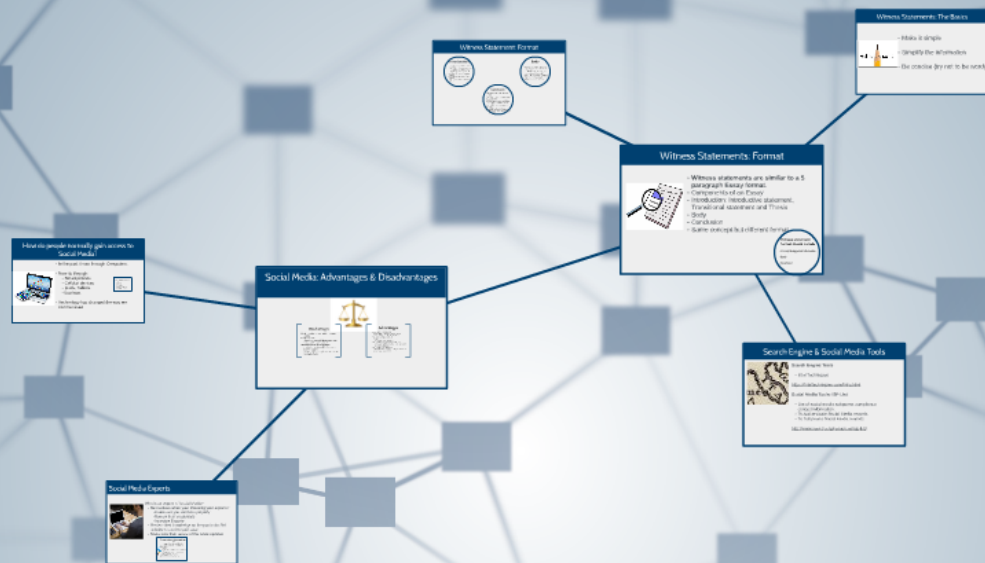
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